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TO:
Office of Congressional Affairs

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FROM:
Compensation, Automation, and Planning/OP

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SUBJECT: S. 5, Act for Better Child Care Services of 1989

Subject bill has been reviewed by the Office of Personnel and our position is as follows:

- ☒ No objection.
- ☒ Continue monitoring/OP interest.
- ☐ No CIA equities.
- ☐ Seek CIA exemption.
- ☒ Advise OP when enacted.
- ☒ Comments.

This bill would authorize the appropriation of federal funds to be allotted to the States for child care purposes, 70 percent of which would be allocated by the States to provide direct assistance to low-income working families on a sliding fee scale. Priority would be given to families of very low income. Eligible children would be those up to age 15 whose family income does not exceed 100 percent of state median income (\$32,777 nationwide for a family of four). Parents would have complete discretion to choose from a wide range of child care services, including nonprofit and for-profit child care centers, family day care homes, school-based care, nonsectarian church-based care, and child care provided by relatives. However, as a condition of federal assistance, States would require publicly-funded child care programs to comply with a limited set of minimum health and safety standards within four years after they are established. The proposed bill would also authorize \$100 million in FY1990 for the establishment of Child Care Liability Risk Retention Groups to increase child care providers' access to affordable liability insurance through a shared risk pool system.

This bill poses no problems for the Agency's child care center. Our center is located on federal government property. Nevertheless, it is administered by a nonprofit corporation licensed in the State of Virginia. The center not only meets but also exceeds the standards required by Virginia for the operation of a child care center. Whether any of our employees whose children will be attending our child care center would be eligible to receive assistance under the provisions of this bill will depend upon the terms under

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